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SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I know from the Government whether we are still at the stage of eliciting the opinion of foreign experts about the lignite scheme or are we really making any headway in respect of this matter. May I know the truth behind it? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" We have to get all expert opinions that would be necessary before we venture on a big project like this. I would also like to tell the hon. Member that we have got all the expert opinion that should be necessary in this matter and for securing it, we should not make any difference between Indians and foreigners."

National Drama Festival

* 905 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri P. Jeevanandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government was consulted in regard to the National Drama Festival sponsored by the Union Government;

(*b*) whether the State Government was authorized to select dramas and artistes in regional languages of the State; and

(*c*) if so, the steps taken by the Government to get the co-operation of the artistes and dramatic associations, sabhas and kazhagams in this State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

House-sites for Harijans in Chingleput

* 906 *Q.*—SRI O. CHENGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the request of the M.L.A. from Chingleput district regarding the grant of house-sites to Harijans in Chingleput district?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No representation has been received by the Government from any M.L.A. in Chingleput district regarding grant of house-sites to Harijans."

SRI O. CHENGAM PILLAI :—" பல்லூர், சின்னம்பேடு, வடக்க நல்லூர், இடையப்பேடு ஆகிய சேரிகளிலுள்ள ஹரிஜனங்கள் வீடு கட்டிக் கொள்வதற்கு மனை வேண்டுமென்று சர்க்காருக்கு 1947-ம் வருஷத்திலிருந்து மனு செய்துகொண்டும் நாளதுவரை சர்க்கார் யாதொன்றும் செய்யாமலிருப்பதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன என்பதை மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லமுடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The hon. Member refers to . . ."